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DEPT FOR AFW/AMEMBASSADOR BRADFORD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PEPR, PINS, CD, EG
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR DEPARTS CHAD

1. EGTPTIAN AMBASSADOR MAHMOUD SELIM TODAY BEGAN A
ROUND OF FAREWELL CALLS ON HIS NDJAMENA DIPLOMATIC CORPS
COLLEAGUES. SELIM WILL DEPART JULY 25, AFTER 4 1/2 YEARS IN
CHAD, TO TAKE UP A STILL UNKNOWN POSITION IN THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CAIRO WHERE HE PLANS TO COMPLETE HIS
DIPLOMATIC CAREER UNTIL RETIREMENT. ACCORDING TO SELIM,
NO NEW AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN DESIGNATED YET AND THE EMBASSY
WILL BE UNDER THE CHARGE OF SECOND SECRETARY SOLIMAN AWAAD
FOR AN UNDETERMINED LENGTH OF TIME.

2. AMBASSADOR SELIM HAS BEEN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY
WITH HIS VARIOUS AMERICAN COLLEAGUES OVER THE PAST
FOUR YEARS AND ALTHOUGH CONSISTENT PROPHET OF DOOM,
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HAS BEEN A GOOD SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO AMBASSADOR
BRADFORD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. AMBASSADOR SELIM USED
THE OCCASION OF HIS FAREWELL CALL TO REITERATE ONCE
AGAIN HIS THEORY OF RUSSIAN EXPANSION IN AFRICA AS A
PRILUDE TO ITS ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVERWESTERN EUROPE.
THE AMBASSADOR HELD THAT THIS WEEK'S GOC--FROLINAT
NEGOTIATIONS IN TRIPOLI FAILED, DESPITE QADHKII'S BEST

INTENTIONS, BECAUSE OF USSR ORDERS FOR QADHAFI TO KEEP
HIS MOUTH CLOSED. THIS WAS TO PMIT RUSSIA TO KEEP
ALIGHT ONE MORE OF THE VOLCANOS AND FIRES WHICH IT HAD
SET IN AFRICA. ALTHOUGH SELIM HELD THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE
DANGER TO EGYPT, HE FELT RUSSIA WAS TRYING TO DESTABILIZE
EVENTS IN CHAD TO GAIN CONTROL OF THIS STRATEGIC COUNTRY
TO RE-INFORCE ITS HOLD ON NORTH AFRICA. ONCE THIS WAS
COMPLETED, HE FELT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD LAUNCH SOME
SORT OF NON-NUCLEAR AGGRESSION FROM EASTERN EUROPE.
COMMENT. LEAVING ASIDE THE HIGHLY ORIGINAL ANALYSIS
OF GLOBAL STRATEGY, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT NEXT
IN LINE OF SENIORITY ON THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC LIST
WILL BE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR HAMZA MAHFOUD.
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